

Vendor Self Service User Guide



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1 Vendor Self Service

The City of Fort Smith has partnered with Tyler Technologies to provide our vendors with access to information related to their vendor accounts. Vendor Self Service (VSS) provides vendors with web-based access to information stored in the City of Fort Smith's Munis® database. The information is drawn from multiple Munis® products within the City's financial system, including Accounts Payable, Purchasing, Contract Management, and Bid Management. This guide is intended as a resource to aid City vendors in the VSS registration process.

Using VSS, vendors can enter and maintain their contact and remittance information, discount and payment terms, designated contact persons, and enter a list of commodity codes that represent the goods and services the vendor can provide.

A listing of the vendor's current and prior 1099 data, purchase orders, invoices, contracts, and checks is available in VSS for inquiry purposes.

VSS allows vendors to search for and view bid request information, and then use that information to submit a bid offer or quote. The submission process creates bid records in the City's bid management program where it can be examined and evaluated by the City's bid management personnel.

1.1.1 Vendor Self Service Users

Vendor Self Service requires vendors who are existing vendors with the City to register using the VSS website to gain access to their information. To successfully link your VSS record to the City's internal database, you will need to enter the credentials provided on the front of this packet in step one (1) of the registration process.

Potential vendors who do not exist in the City's database can complete the registration process. Until the vendor has been approved by the appropriate City personnel, the vendor will have authorized limited access to the Vendor Self-Service portal.



2 VENDOR REGISTRATION

Prospective vendors who do not exist in your Munis database, as well as existing vendors who have already been entered in the Vendors program in Munis, must register to gain access to Vendor Self Service.

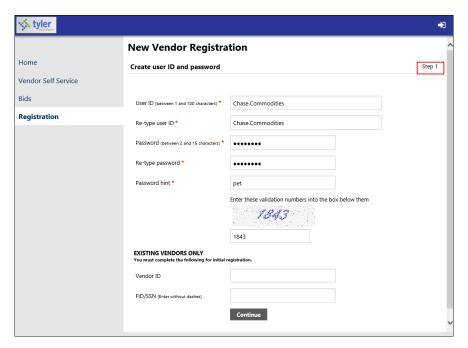
Vendors of either type register by clicking **Registration** on the VSS home page.

.https://selfservice.fortsmithar.gov/MSS/Vendors



Registration is a multistep process. Vendor Self Service displays the number of steps in the process, with the current step displayed in bold type. Vendor Self Service does not save any information entered in the fields on any page until the registration is complete. If a vendor leaves the registration process before completing each of the steps, all of the information entered is discarded and they must start again.

STEP 1: The first step in the process defines the vendor's user ID and password information as well as the initial company contact.





The fields in step one should be completed following the guideline within the table below.

Field	Description
User ID	Defines the vendor's VSS login name. Each user ID must be unique and
	cannot be greater than 40 characters in length.
Password	Indicates the vendor's login password.
	The vendor must enter and then retype a login password in the boxes.
	VSS requires entry of a minimum of twelve characters for the password
	and a maximum of 15 characters.
Password Hint	Contains a hint used to assist the vendor in remembering their password.
	The hint cannot be the same as the vendor's password.
	VSS sends this hint to the vendor in an email message when they click
	Forgot Password on the login page.
CAPTCHA	Displays a CAPTCHA code (Completely Automated Public Turing Test to
	Tell Computers and Humans Apart), which is used to protect the VSS
	database from attack.
	The vendor must enter the numbers shown in the box.

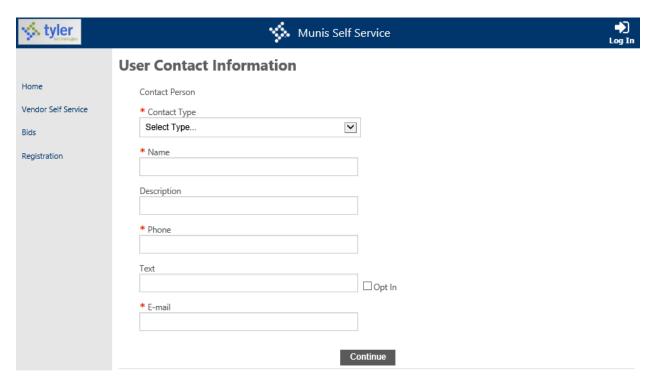
Vendors who already exist in your organization's Munis database must complete the fields in the Existing Vendors Only section. The values entered in the Vendor ID and the FID/SSN box must match the value from the Munis vendor record exactly.

EXISTING VENDORS ONLY You must complete the following for initial regi	istration.
Vendor ID	
FID/SSN (Enter without dashes)	
	Continue

When existing Munis vendors complete the Vendor ID and FID/SSN boxes and click **Continue**, VSS verifies the entered information with the vendor record in Munis. If all of the information matches, the vendor is automatically presented with the My Profile page. They do not have to complete the remaining steps of the registration process. Existing Vendors should proceed to Section three (3) for information on the Vendor Homepage and navigation information.

For new vendors, part two of step one will require the entry of user contact information. This should be the person responsible for the organizations VSS page as multiple accounts are not allowed per company.

To complete step one of the registration process, prospective vendors should complete the User Contact Information by following the field help guidelines listed in the table on the next page.

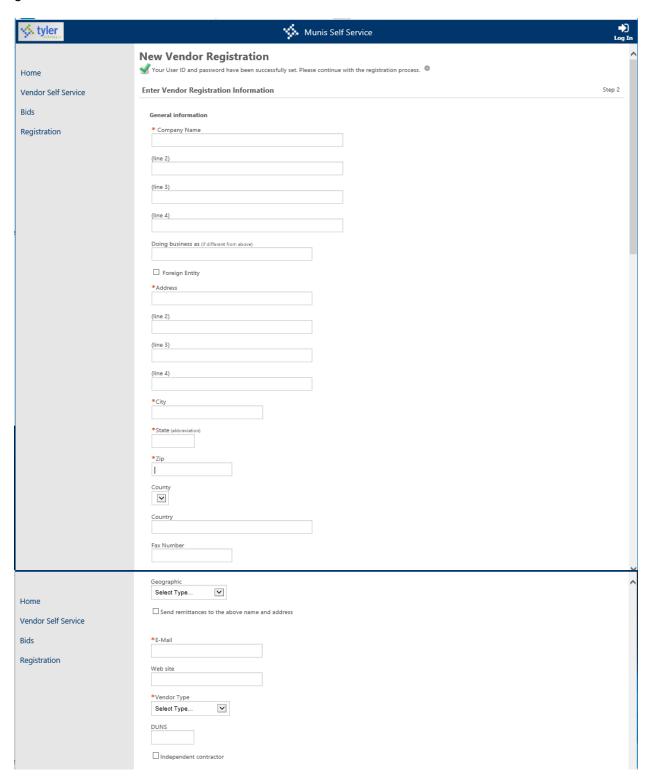


Field	Description	Required
Contact Type	Available options are General Contact, Accounts Payable, and	Yes
	Purchasing. The user must select one. There will be an opportunity	
	to add more contacts in later steps.	
Name	This is the contact person's first and last name.	Yes
Description	This field is open to the vendor. A best practice for this entry is to	No
	use the contact person's job title or job function.	
Phone	This is the contact person's phone number. A best practice is to use	Yes
	the contact's direct business line. The format to be used for the	
	phone number is XXX-XXX-XXXX.	
Text	This field is optional to allow text messages to be sent to the	No
	contact. Regular data rates would apply. If a phone number is	
	entered here, the contact must also check "Opt In."	
E-mail	Enter a valid e-mail address for the contact in this field.	Yes

Once the vendor has completed the User Contact page and selected **Continue**, the vendor may proceed to step two (2) in the VSS registration.

Step 2: General Vendor Information.

The second step in the new vendor registration process requires the vendor to provide their general business and contact information.



Field	Description
Company Name	Contains the vendor's name or business name. (50-Character Limit) Lines 2-4 may be used if required.
Doing Business As	Indicates the vendor's doing business as (DBA) name, if applicable.
Foreign Entity	When selected, indicates that the vendor is a foreign entity.
Address, City, State, ZIP	Define the vendor's main address. The vendor must enter a two-letter state postal abbreviation code in the State box.
Fax Number	Displays the vendor's fax number, if applicable.
Geographic	Indicates the vendor's geographic code as it relates to Article V, Division 2, Section 2-184 of the City Code of Ordinances. If the company qualifies as a Locally Owned Business, then the vendor should make that selection. To be considered a locally owned business the company: (1) Maintains at least one (1) staffed place of business located within the corporate limits of the city; (2) For not less than two (2) successive years immediately before submitting a bid, has paid taxes to the county that benefit the city on either real or personal property used or intended to be used in connection with the firm's business; and (3) Has a valid business registration/license with the city.
Send Remittances to the Above Name and Address	If the vendor selects this check box, Vendor Self Service enters the values from the main address as the default values in the boxes in step three of the registration process.
Email	Contains the vendor's primary email address. It is the address to which all notifications and alerts are sent, such as registration confirmation messages or password hints. Additional email addresses for contact persons are defined later in the registration process.
Web Site	Includes the vendor's website URL.
Vendor Type	Determines the vendor's type. If no vendor type codes exist, vendors cannot complete the registration process.
	Vendor types available include: Employee, Professional Services, Technology, Fleet and Vehicle, Chemicals, Materials, Office Supplies, Utilities, and Travel. Should your organization not fall in any of these categories, please contact the Accounts Payable department.

The New Vendor Registration page contains a Minority Business Entity (MBE) section that must be completed by minority business enterprise vendors.





A minority business enterprise is typically defined as a business that is at least 51% owned and operated by an ethnic minority. These businesses are typically certified by a city, state, or federal agency.

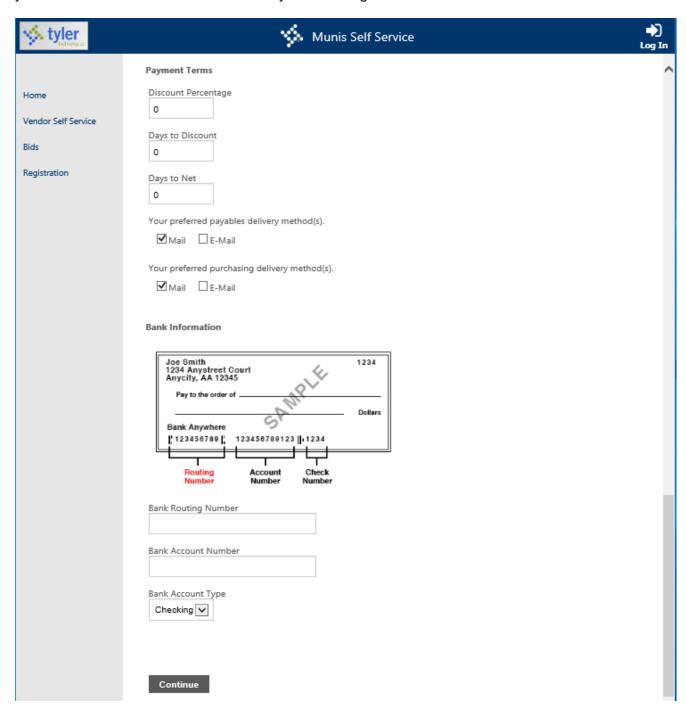
Field	Description
Minority Business Entity	(MBE)
Is Minority Business	Indicates that the vendor is a minority business enterprise
Enterprise	
MBE Classification	Define which MBE classifications the vendor possesses. The MBE
	Classifications section displays the number of certifications of each type
	that the vendor possesses. Vendors can click Manage for a classification
	to maintain certifications. See Appendix A—Managing Minority Business
	Enterprise Certificates for more information.

The next section identifies the vendor tax information.



Field	Description
Enter a Federal T	ax ID Number or Social Security umber
FID or SNN	Requires the vendor to select whether to enter a federal tax identification number or a Social Security number, and then enter the value of the selected type.
	Vendor Self Service automatically completes these fields for existing vendors who entered vendor ID and FID/SSN numbers during step one.
FID/SSN	Enter the Tax ID (XX-XXXXXXX) or SSN (XXX-XX-XXXX). The FID or SSN must be a unique value that is not used by any other vendor profile, unless your organization has selected the Allow Duplicate FIDs/SSNs check box in the Accounts Payable program.
ReType FID/SSN	Enter the Tax ID (XX-XXXXXXX) or SSN (XXX-XX-XXXX). The FID or SSN must match the number entered into the prior field.

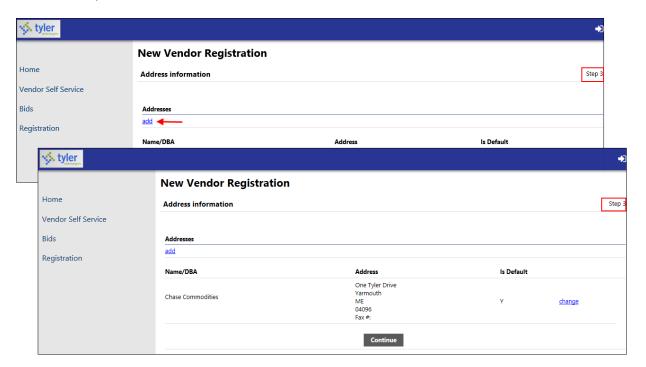
The Payment Terms and Bank Information sections define the vendor's business terms and financial transaction information. However, the Bank Information section only appears when your VSS administrator has enabled entry and viewing of bank information.



Field	Description
Payment Terms	•
Discount Percentage	Defines the discount percentage the vendor extends to your organization.
Days to Discount	Contains the number of days within which payment must be received by
	the vendor in order for your organization to claim the discount
	percentage.
Days to Net	Indicates the number of days that the vendor allows before requiring net
	payment.
Your Preferred Payables	Determine the vendor's preferred delivery method for payables.
Delivery Method	
Your Preferred Purchasing	Determine the vendor's preferred delivery method for purchasing
Delivery Method	documents.
Bank Information	
Bank Routing Number	Determines routing number of the bank account to which payments made
	to the vendor should be sent. The program automatically selects the
	correct bank code based on the entered routing number.
Bank Account Number	Contains the vendor's bank account number.
Bank Account Type	Indicates the type for the entered account: checking or savings.

Step 3: Adding vendor addresses.

Step three of the VSS registration process requires the vendor to enter address information. If the vendor selected the Send Remittances to the Above Name and Address check box during step two, Vendor Self Service automatically enters the first address record. If the check box was not selected, the Addresses table is blank.





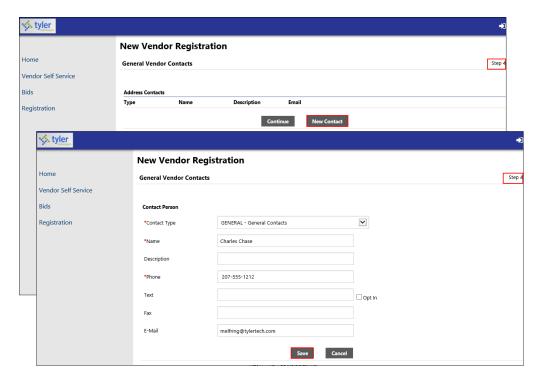
The vendor must click **Add** to create a new address record, which displays the Remittance Information page.

Field	Description
Address Type	Determines the type code of the entered address.
Company Name	Defines the name that appears on items sent to this remit address. The
	name can vary from the vendor name, if necessary.
Address, City, State, ZIP	Provide the remit mailing address.
Fax	Contains the fax number for this remit address.
Email	Defines the email address used for the remit address.
Bank Information	
Bank Routing Number	Determines routing number of the bank account to which payments made
	to the vendor should be sent. The program automatically selects the
	correct bank code based on the entered routing number.
Bank Account Number	Contains the vendor's bank account number.
Bank Account Type	Indicates the type for the entered account: checking or savings.

Clicking **Save** after entry of an address record returns the Address Information page, where the new address record has been added to the table.

A vendor can add individual contacts for an address record by clicking **Change**, which displays the Remittance Information page. These contacts are only associated with the address record and are not displayed as part of the general vendor record.

Clicking **Add Contact** on the Remittance Information page displays the Contact Information page, where the vendor can create contact records for the address.



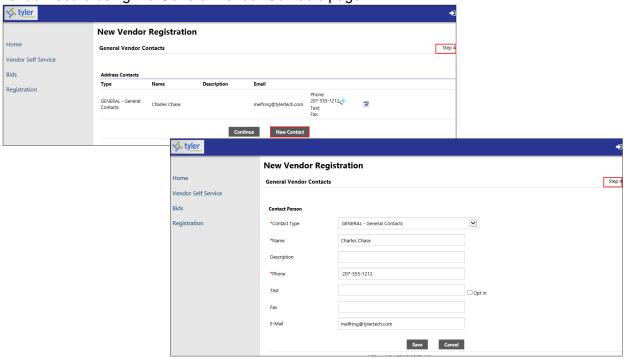


Field	Description
Contact Person	
Contact Type	Determines the contact type code. Contact type codes are defined in Munis using the Contact Types program.
Name	Contains the name of the contact person.
Phone, Fax, Email	Define the contact's phone and fax numbers, as well as the contact's email address. The fax and email information are optional.

Clicking **Save** after completing the contact information returns the vendor to the address record, with the new contact record provided in the Addresses Contacts group.

The vendor must click **Save** on the Remittance Information page to return to the Address Information page, and then click **Continue** to advance to the next sub-step in the registration process.

On this next screen, the vendor clicks **New Contact** to enter a contact person for the general vendor record using the General Vendor Contacts page.

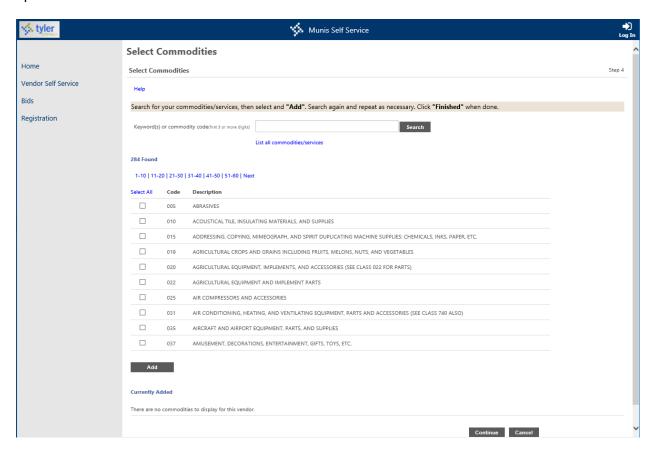


This page contains fields that are identical in function to those from step three, but they apply to the vendor record as a whole and not a single remit address. Clicking **Save** after entering the contact information returns the vendor to the General Vendor Contacts page with the new contact record displayed in the Address Contacts group.

The vendor must click **Continue** to advance to the next step of the VSS registration process.

Step 4: Select Commodities

Vendors are able to select commodities their business provides. This will enable City staff to search for vendors offering required products during the bid process. If a commodity is entered, that matches the requested commodity, the vendors will be selected and notified via VSS of an open bid.



The City of Fort Smith uses the NIGP commodity code listing. You may search for commodities using the search feature at the top of the page. The vendor may also use the "List All Commodities/Services" link at the top of the page to display all commodities and services. Please note that if this items is selected, any previously selected commodities will be cleared.

Commodities may be selected at the general commodity code level. When departments prepare a bid, they will use the general commodity codes as well as the commodity detail. This will allow vendors to determine if they provide the specific commodity that has been placed for bid.

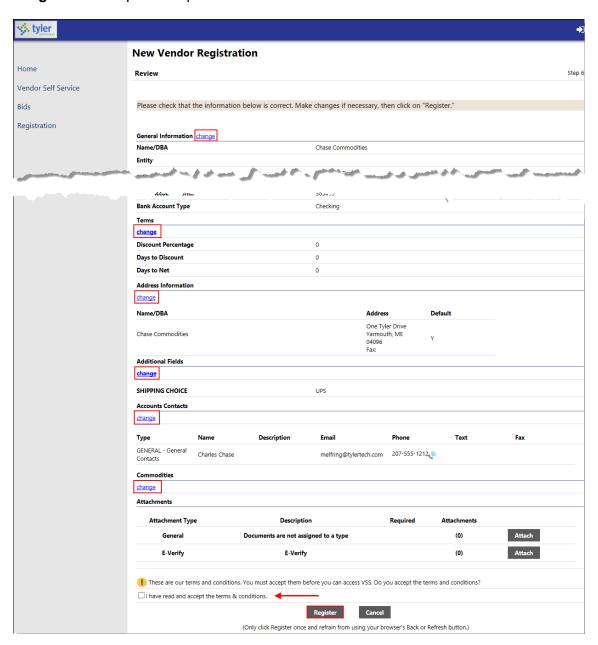
Once all commodities have been selected, the vendor must click **Continue** to advance to the final step of the VSS registration process.

Step 5: Vendor Registration Review.

On the Review page, the vendor reviews and confirms the information they entered in previous steps. If changes are required for any detail group, the vendor uses the Change option for that group to make the appropriate changes.

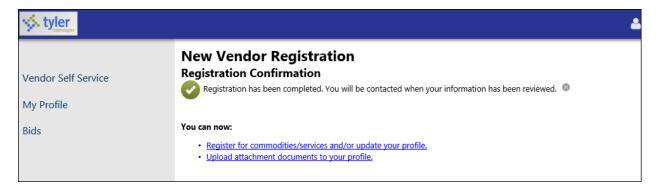
During the review process, vendors must complete and attached a W-9 to the vendor record by selecting the **Attach** button to the right of the attachments field.

When all the entered information is correct, the vendor must select the Terms and Conditions check box, acknowledging agreement with your organization's terms and conditions, and then click **Register** to complete the process.





Vendor Self Service displays a registration confirmation page that provides the vendor with links to register commodities or update their VSS profile, and to upload attachments to their profile.

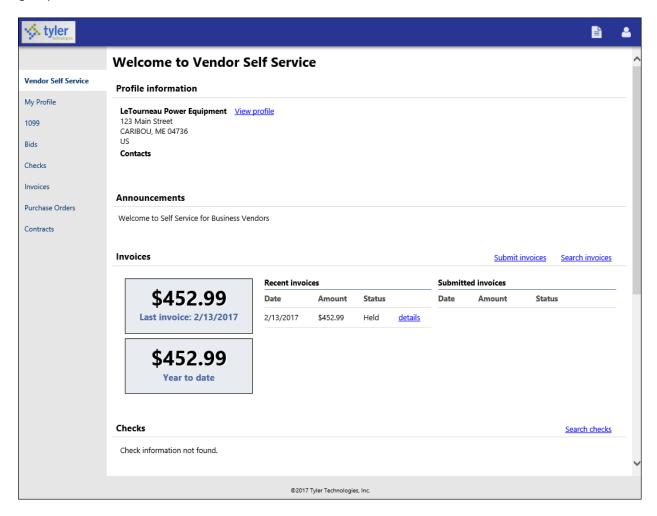


Newly registered vendors only have access to the Home, Vendor Self Service, My Profile, and Bids options on the menu.

The City of Fort Smith's Vendor Self Service administrator will grant the vendor access to additional menu options upon vendor approval.

3 Vendor Self Service Home Page

The Vendor Self Service home page contains a header and a series of summary information groups.



Clicking the login option in the header displays the following menu options:

- My Account Opens the My Account page containing the vendor's account information.
- Log Out Logs the vendor out of Vendor Self Service.



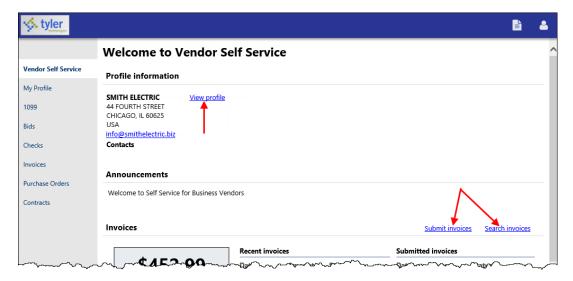


The Resources option in the header provides a menu of links or documents provided by the City of Fort Smith.

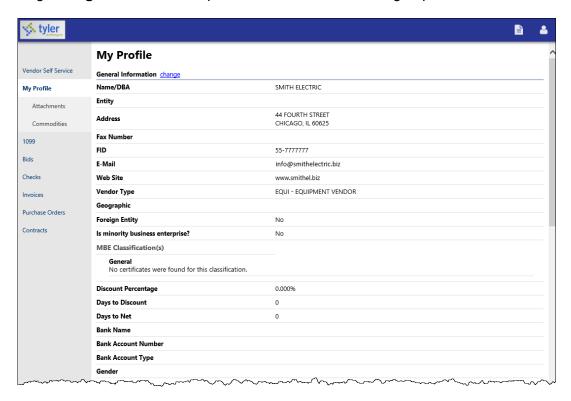


4 VENDOR NAVIGATION

On the Vendor pages, the headers for the individual information groups that display include options for searching and viewing related information.



Clicking **View Profile** in the Profile Information group or the **My Profile** option in the navigation menu displays the My Profile page. The My Profile page groups profile information by category. By clicking **Change**, a vendor can update the information in that group.





The General Information group contains the vendor's address and contact information, type and foreign entity status, minority business enterprise status and certifications, discount terms and the vendor's banking information.

General Information change	
Name/DBA	SMITH ELECTRIC
Entity	
Address	44 FOURTH STREET CHICAGO, IL 60625
Fax Number	
FID	55-7777777
E-Mail	dan.olson@tylertech.com
Web Site	info@smithelectric.biz
Vendor Type	EQUI - EQUIPMENT VENDOR
Geographic	
Foreign Entity	No
Is minority business enterprise?	No
MBE Classification(s)	
General No certificates were found for this classification.	
Discount Percentage	0.000%
Days to Discount	0
Days to Net	0
Bank Name	
Bank Account Number	
Bank Account Type	
Gender	
Ethnicity	

The Address Information group displays the vendor's remittance address and contact information, while the Address Contacts group lists the vendor's contact persons and information.

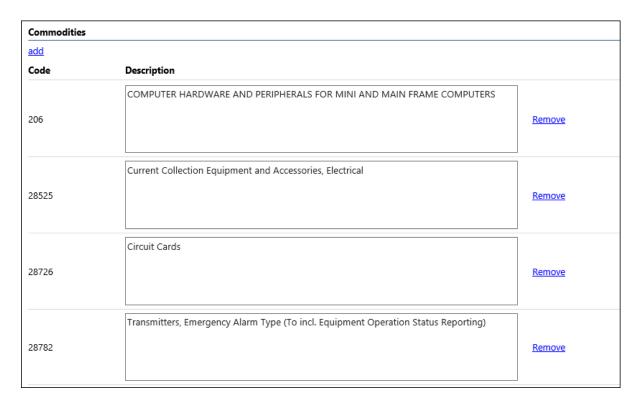
		Address		Is Default
Name	Title	Email	Phone	Fax
Susan Agouris	Accounting Office	info@mithelectric.biz	312-555-1212	
			Name Title Email	Name Title Email Phone



The Additional Fields group identifies the vendor's shipping preferences. Clicking **Change** allows the vendor to update this information.

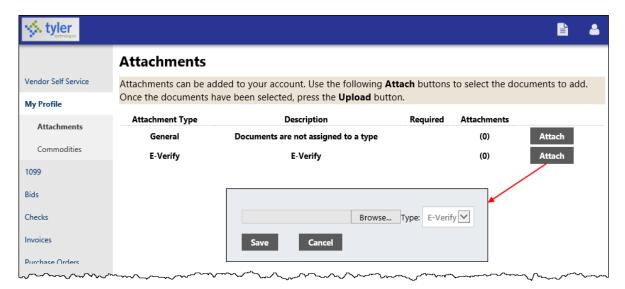
Additional Fields	
change	
SHIPPING CHOICE	USPS

The Current Vendor Commodities group contains a list of commodity codes associated with the vendor. Vendors remove commodities from the list by clicking the **Remove** link. The **Add** option allows vendor to add commodities to the list.



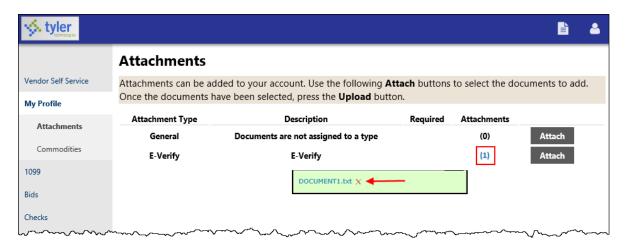
4.1.1 Attachments

A vendor adds attachments to their profile by clicking **Attachments** on the menu. The Attachments option is only available when the vendor is viewing their My Profile page.



Attachments are added by clicking the **Attach** button on the Attachments page, which allows the vendor to navigate to a file or document to upload. The Attachments column indicates the number of documents attached for the attachment types. Vendors can attach an unlimited number of files.

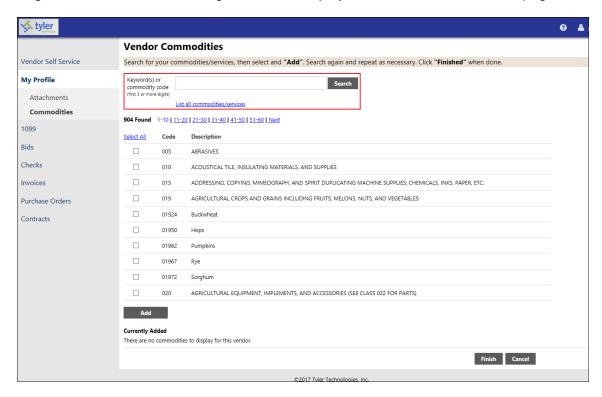
To remove an attachment, the vendor clicks the number of attachments indicator. On the attachments list, clicking the **Delete** button removes the attachment.



The vendor cannot maintain their attachments in VSS once they have been uploaded. Should a vendor need to manage changes to their attachments, they must contact the City of Fort Smith Accounts Payable department.

4.1.2 Commodities





Vendors use the **Search** box to search for commodities by code or keyword. Alternatively, clicking **List All Commodities/Services** displays all commodity codes in the City of Fort Smith's database. VSS displays the number of codes found during a search and updates the commodity table.

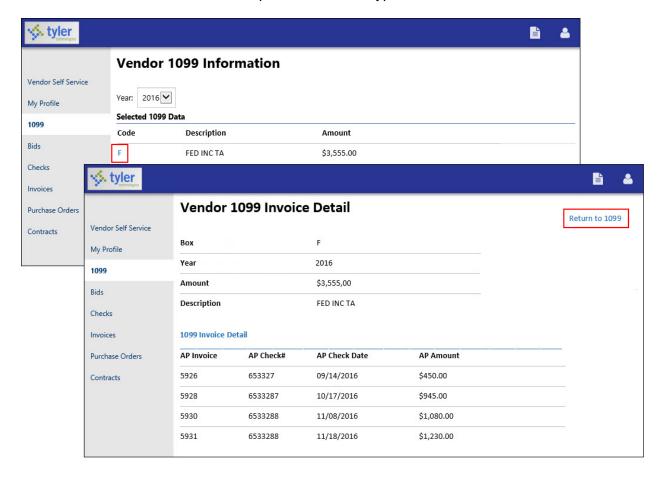
Vendors can view commodities by group using the numbered group selections, or they can identify specific commodities by selecting individual check boxes. If a vendor selects an individual check box within a numbered group selection, VSS saves the value of each check box when the vendor navigates between the groups of commodity codes.



After identifying the applicable commodity codes, clicking **Add** causes VSS to add all of the selected commodity codes to the vendor's profile and updates the Currently Added list. Clicking **Remove** removes the commodity from the group. When vendors complete the commodity code update, they click **Finished** to save the changes and return to the My Profile page, where the Current Vendor Commodities group provides the full list of their associated commodity codes.

4.1.3 1099

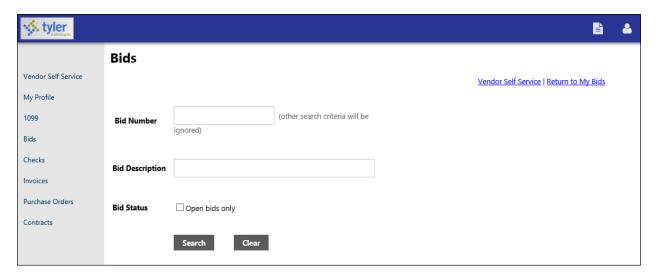
The 1099 page displays a listing of the vendor's 1099 data for a selected year. The data includes the 1099 box code, a description of the code type, and the 1099 amount.



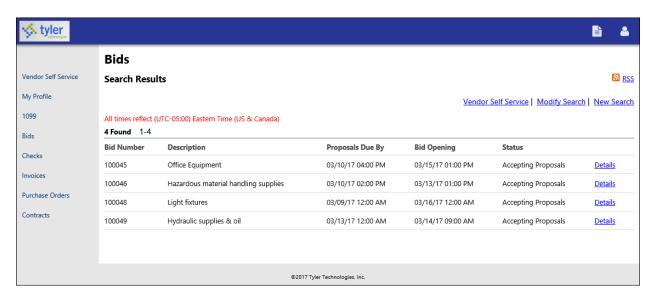
Clicking a code type provides the Vendor 1099 Invoice Detail page. This page displays the general 1099 information, as well as a listing of 1099 invoice details, if they exist for the selected box code. Clicking **Return to 1099** returns the vendor to the Vendor 1099 Information page.

4.1.4 Bids

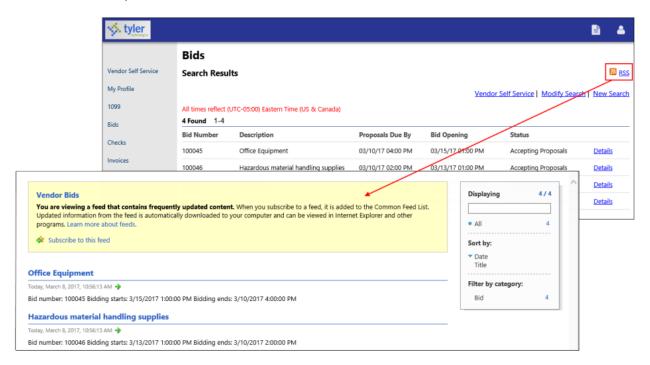
Bids provides a list of bids available to the vendor. Bids opens to the Bid search page, which allows vendors to search for bids using the bid number, bid description, or bid status.



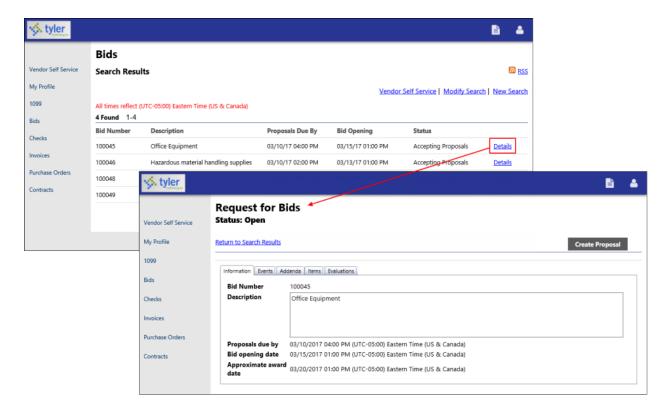
Search results include all bids that match the entered criteria.



The RSS link allows vendors to subscribe to an RSS feed that is updated when the City of Fort Smith enters or updates bid records.



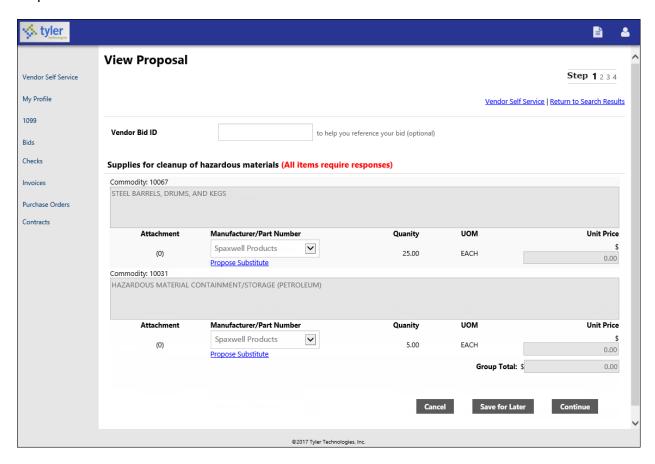
The Details option for a bid displays the Request for Bids page. The information provided varies according to the current status of the bid. Generally, the Information, Addenda, Items, and Evaluations tabs are available.





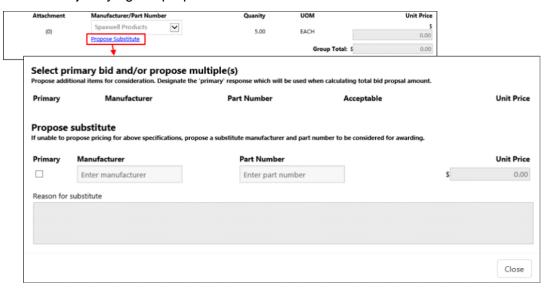
For open bids, the Create Proposal option allows the vendor to submit a proposal for the selected bid request.

The Create Proposal procedure is a four-step procedure that guides the vendor through bid response and submittal.



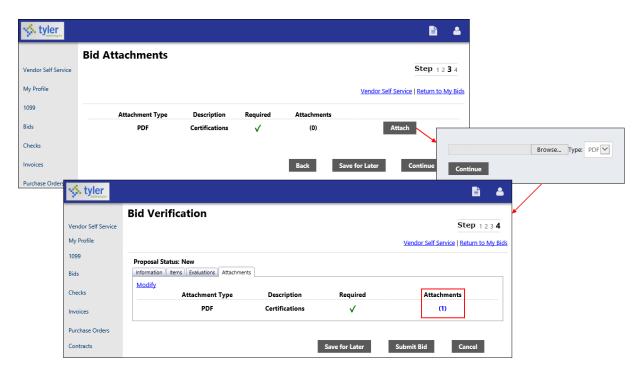
Items listed on a bid display the manufacturer and/or part number if the bid invitation created was configured to include this information.

If the City enabled the Substitute option on the bid, the vendor can propose a substitute item and a note justifying the proposed substitute item.



The **Continue** option moves the vendor through the steps required to complete the proposal. The Save for Later option saves the in-process bid for completion at a later time.

Vendors add attachments to their bid quotes by selecting an attachment type and using the **Browse** button to select the file to attach.



Acceptable attachment types are defined in the Munis Bid Attachment Types program.

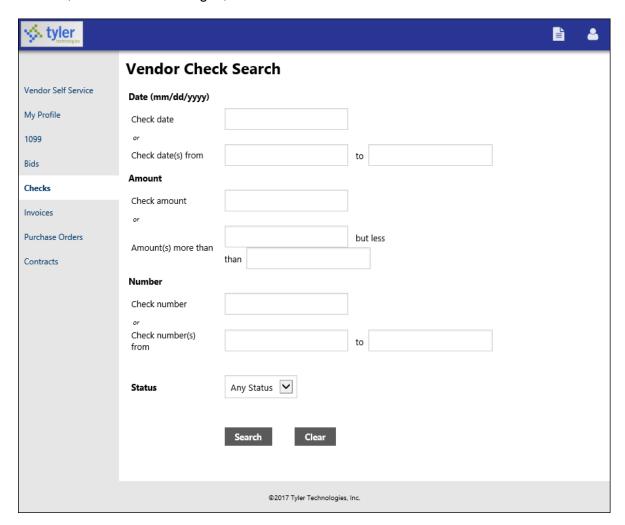


4.1.5 Checks

The Checks group provides a list of checks recently issued to the vendor.



Using the Search Checks option, vendors can find additional check details using the invoice number, date or amount ranges, and status search criteria.



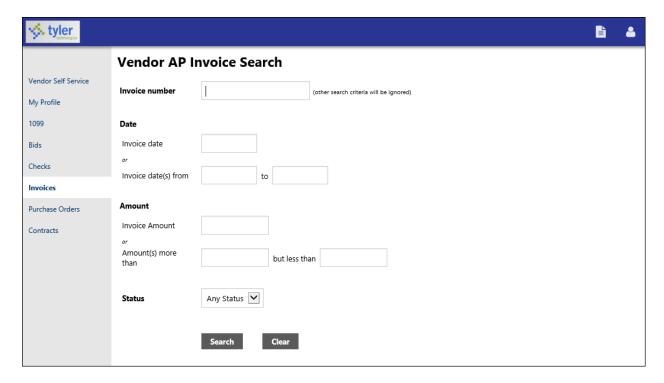
Search Results for checks provides the check date, amount, check number, and status. Use the View option of an individual check to view additional details.

4.1.6 Invoices

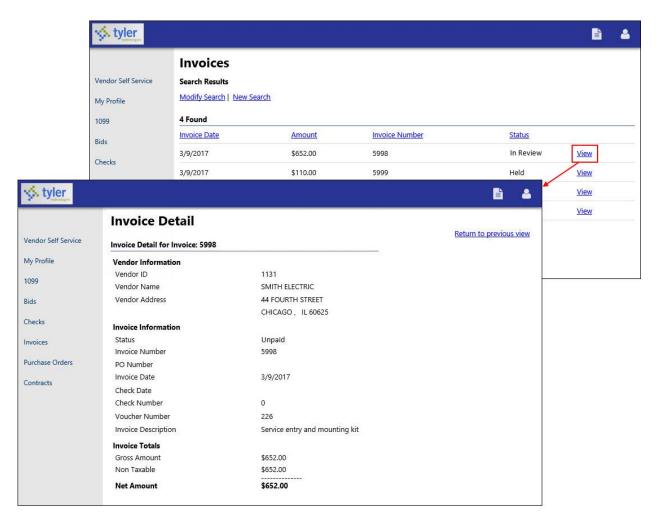
The Invoices group provides vendor details for recent and submitted invoices. Vendors are only able to view invoices that are associated with their vendor ID.



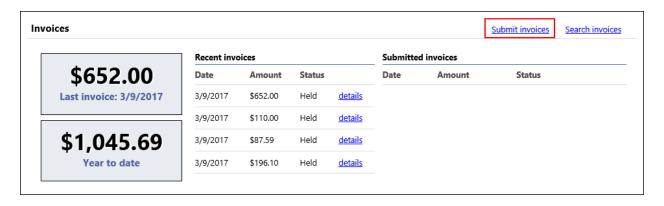
The Search Invoices page allows searches by invoice number, date or amount ranges, and status.



The Search Results page provides the invoice date, amount, invoice number, and status. When the vendor clicks **Details**, VSS provides the Invoice Detail page, which includes additional information sorted by Vendor, Invoice, and Invoice Totals groups.



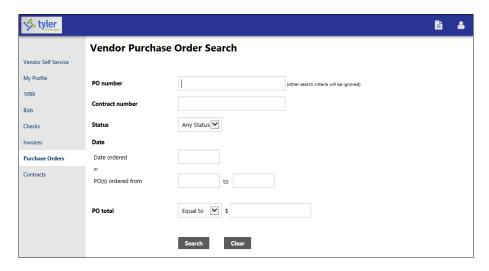
The Submit Invoices option allows vendors to submit invoices to your organization directly from VSS.



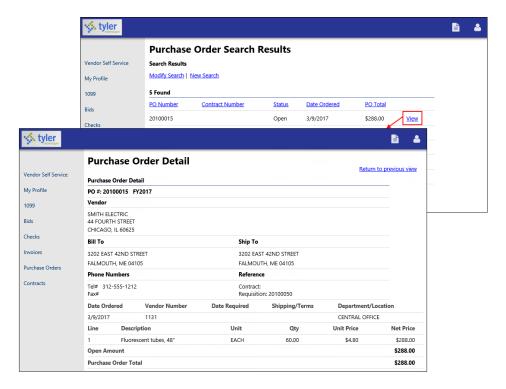
4.1.7 Purchase Orders

Purchase Orders provides a list of recent purchase orders issued to the vendor.

The initial **Search Purchase Orders** page allows vendors to search by purchase order number, date, or a purchase order total range.



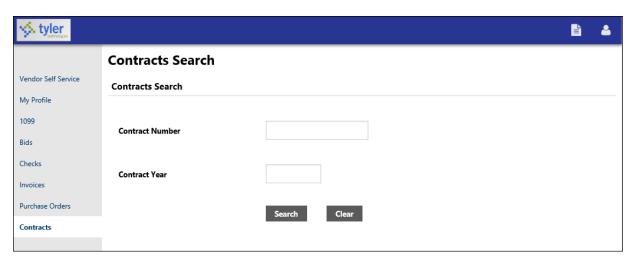
Search results include the purchase order number, contract number (if applicable), status, date orders, and total. The View option provides additional details for a specific purchase order.



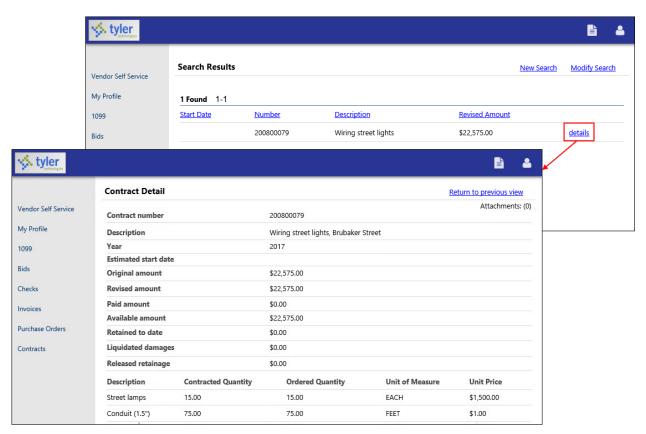


4.1.8 Contracts

Contracts provides contracts the vendor currently holds with the City of Fort Smith. The initial **Search Contracts** page allows vendors to search by a range of contract numbers or years.



Search results include the contract start date, number, and amount. The Details option displays the Contract Detail page for the selected contract.

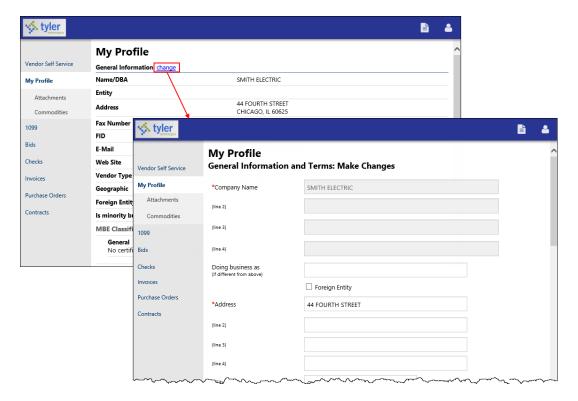




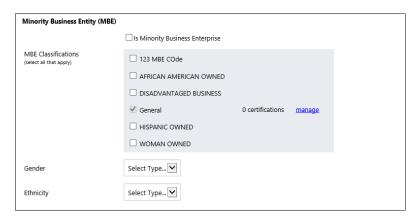
Appendix A—Managing Minority Business Enterprise Certificates

Vendors can manage their minority business enterprise (MBE) certifications in Vendor Self Service.

To maintain MBE certifications, vendors use the Change option on the My Profile page.

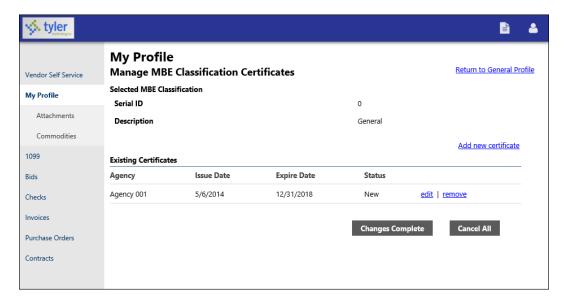


The Minority Business Entity (MBE) section contains the check boxes that indicate if the vendor is a minority business enterprise, and if so, which classifications the vendor possesses. The available classifications are defined by your organization using the Accounts Payable Miscellaneous Codes program in Munis.

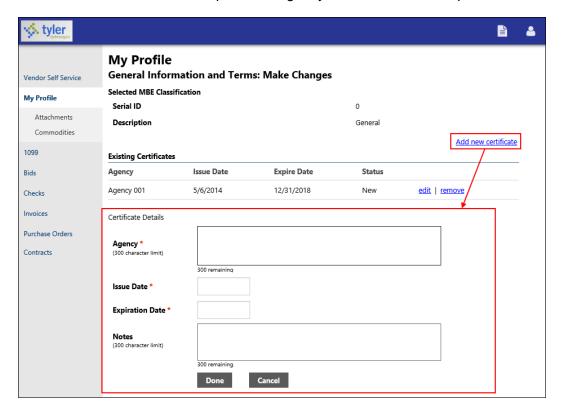




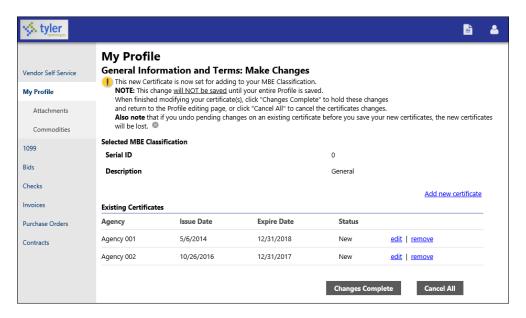
The Manage option for each classification allows a vendor to maintain the classification using the Manage MBE Classification Certificates page.



Clicking **Add New Certificate** refreshes the page to include the Certificate Details section. For new certificates, the vendor must complete the Agency, Issue Date, and Expiration Date fields.



When the vendor has finished entering data in the boxes, clicking **Done** saves the entry and displays the Make Changes page.



The Make Changes page includes message indicating that the new certificate is ready to be added to the vendor's profile, but that the information will not be saved until the vendor's entire profile is saved.

After entering, editing, or removing certificates for a classification, the vendor clicks **Changes Complete** to save the certificate entries or **Cancel All** to discard all of the certificate information. Clicking **Changes Complete** returns the vendor to the Make Changes page, where the Minority Business Entity section displays the updated certification count.

On the My Profile–Make Changes page, the vendor must click **Update** to permanently update their profile with the certificate information.

